



Lieutenant General Joseph F. Peterson

Deputy Commanding General

U.S. Army Forces Command

Lieutenant General Joseph F. Peterson became the Deputy Commanding General, United States Army Forces Command, on 11 December 2006. Forces Command trains, mobilizes, deploys, sustains, transforms, and reconstitutes conventional forces numbering approximately 780,000 Soldiers.

Its mission is to provide trained and ready land power to combatant commanders worldwide in defense of the nation at home and abroad.

Lieutenant General Peterson received his commission as an Armor officer through ROTC at Santa Clara University, where he was a distinguished military graduate and earned a Bachelor of Science in Economics. His command assignments include:

Commander, Combat Support Company, 2d Battalion, 77th Armor, 9th Division, Fort Lewis, WA; B Company, 2d Battalion, 72d Armor, 2d Infantry Division, Korea; Commander, 2d Battalion, 35th Armor, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO. LTG Peterson's brigade and higher commands include: Commander, 3d Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Fort Riley, KS; Assistant Division Commander (Support and then Maneuver) and Commanding General, 3d Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA; Commanding General 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; and Commanding General, Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, Baghdad, Iraq.

Lieutenant General Peterson's staff assignments include key positions in the Department of the Army, the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and in NATO. The most notable being: Staff Officer, Department of the Army (DA), Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, G3; Action Officer, Plans, Programs and Budget Analysis for the Command, Control and Communications Systems Directorate, J6, The Joint Staff; Deputy then Inspector General, 3d Infantry Division (Mechanized), United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany; S3 1st Battalion, 64th Armor, then Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 69th Armor, and later S3 2d Brigade, all with the 3d Infantry Division, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany; Aide-de-Camp to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Staff Officer, Arms Control Branch, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Belgium; G3 and Director for Plans, Training and Mobilization, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, CO; Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management, United States Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, VA; and Vice Director for Operations, J3, The Joint Staff.

Lieutenant General Peterson earned an MBA from Chaminade University, Hawaii, and attended a variety of military schools including the Armor Officer Advanced Course, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Defense



Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star, Meritorious service Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, and Combat Action Badge.

Lieutenant General Peterson, a native of Honolulu, Hawaii.